

Stephanie Shopp, a senior at Deerfield-Windsor School is the winner of the 2005 Congressional Art Competition in Georgia’s Second District, U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop announced today. The winning entry, entitled “Hands” will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol, along with the winning entries from other Congressional districts across the country.

The competition for high school students is sponsored nationally by the Congressional Arts Caucus, a coalition of members of Congress who support the arts. Representative Bishop, a member of the caucus, is one of several hundred House members who annually sponsor the art competition in their districts.

In addition to the winning entry, Michael Clark from Westover High School received second place recognition. “Silence ” by Joy Fulton of Albany High School came in third and Kristy Swann from Brookwood School received an honorable mention.

The winning artwork will be flown to Washington, D.C., where it will be placed in an exhibit with other district winning entries in a corridor that links the U.S. House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol. Congressman Bishop said. “My colleagues and I –as well as the thousands of Capitol visitors this year—will undoubtedly enjoy Miss Shopp’s painting. Her artwork is a worthy representation of the artistic talent in Southwest Georgia. She should be proud of her accomplishment.”

The national exhibit will officially open on June 14.